

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-39 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121: Group I – Claims 1-22 and 27-39; or, Group II – Claims 23-26.

Claims 1-22 and 27-31 and 34-39 are subject to a species election. Claims 23-26, 32 or 33 have not been included in the species election requirement. The Examiner states that election of one of the following species is required under 35 U.S.C. §121: Species I – Claims 1-22; Species II – Claims 27-29; Species III – Claim 30; Species IV – Claim 31; or Species V – Claims 34-39.

On November 26, 2003 Applicants' Representative, Michael J. Musella, Esq., conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner. It was agreed by and between the Examiner and Mr. Musella that since several of the claims were not included in the species requirement that proper elections of inventions and species are not at this time possible. Examiner agreed to reissue a new Office Communication properly listing all of the claims subject to the species election.

Accordingly, all of the remaining claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-39, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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